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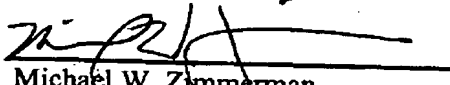
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Applicants filed the above-referenced U.S. National Stage application with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 27, 2006. Because the International Preliminary Examining Authority/USPTO delayed issuing the International Preliminary Report on Patentability (copy attached) until after the 30<sup>th</sup> month deadline for nationalizing this application had expired, it was necessary for the applicants to file above-referenced national stage application before the International Preliminary Report on Patentability (IPRP) was issued in the corresponding PCT Application No. PCT/US04/41670. Because the IPRP identified all claims as satisfying PCT Articles 33(1)-(4), reduced search and examination fees were due in connection with this national stage application under 37 CFR 1.492(b)(1) and 1.492(c)(1). As a result, Applicants request a refund in the amount of \$300 (National Stage Search and Examination Fees). Please refund the \$300 to Deposit Account No. 50-2455.

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